

REMARKS

An abstract has been provided, to replace the abstract removed during the international stage.

The specification has been amended to introduce a reference to the provisional application from which the present application claims benefit.

The claims have been amended to remove the multiple dependencies. The term "sulfinylamine stereoisomer" has been corrected to read "sulfinylimine stereoisomer" in Claims 13 and 15. In addition, some minor editorial amendments have been made in Claims 11 and 12.

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

As a means of complying with the duty of disclosure, Applicants submit an "Information Disclosure Statement by Applicant" on PTO Forms PTO/SB/08A and PTO/SB/08B for consideration by the Examiner.

It is understood that the Examiner has received a copy of the International Search Report and copies of the documents cited therein. If this is incorrect, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned to request copies.

Applicants also draw the Examiner's attention to the following co-pending application assigned to Apsinterm LLC:-

Co-Pending Application Assigned to Apsinterm LLC

10/120,541 (national stage of WO 02/083608)

At the time that the inventions claimed in the present application were made, they were commonly owned with those of the co-pending application.

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COMMUNICATION BY TELEPHONE

The undersigned's office is located in the United Kingdom, and hence the Examiner may have difficulty contacting him from the USPTO by telephone. If the Examiner wishes to speak with the undersigned by telephone, he or she can contact the undersigned by e-mail at martinahay@martin-a-hay.com.

Respectfully submitted,

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